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TO : IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO,  
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION  
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.

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ITEM NO: ③

DATE: 11 SEPTEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY ARRESTED

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HAILE SELASSIE'S OLDEST DAUGHTER AND A GRANDDAUGHTER WERE REMOVED FROM THEIR PALACES TODAY BY HELMETED TROOPS, AND THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT MALE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY WERE ALSO TAKEN AWAY. A CROWD OF 200 TO 300 PEOPLE GATHERED TO WATCH AND CHEER THE MILITARY, BUT THE CAPITAL WAS OTHERWISE CALM.

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ARRESTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY OTHER THAN THE EMPEROR ARE NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE ANY POPULAR PROTEST OR RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

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THE EMPEROR'S RELATIVES ARE NOT POPULAR, AND THEY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO A BARRAGE OF DISPARAGEMENT BY THE PRESS AND RADIO OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS. FOR THE MOST PART THE EARLIER ROUNDING UP OF THE LESSER ARISTOCRACY CAUSED NO STIR.

THE MILITARY COMMITTEE APPARENTLY IS STILL TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE EMPEROR HIMSELF. MODERATES ON THE COMMITTEE APPEAR TO WANT TO MOVE THE EMPEROR TO ONE OF HIS PALACES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE SOMETIME SOON. THEY HAVE ALSO MADE A MAJOR EFFORT TO DISCREDIT HIM. THEY MAY BE ABLE TO GET HIM OUT OF THE CAPITAL WITHOUT ANY UNMANAGEABLE PUBLIC REACTION. E-2 IMPDET-H

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